

**SHOOTING BOY, 8 WEEKS LIFE**  
**THE BARRELS OF THE PRESIDENT**  
Secretary Hitchcock Consults Police Obligated to Barricade the President and Asks Store Into Which Prisoner Authorities to Act. Had Been Hurried.  
**POOR INDIANS CHEATED**  
Federal Officials Interested in Corporations That Lease or Buy Land from Natives.  
**WIDE CONSPIRACY REVEALED**  
Ignorant Despoiled of Their Possessions of Years—Twenty Million Acres Said To Be at Stake.  
**LYNCHING BARELY AVERTED**  
Only by Whipping Horses Is Wagon with Arrested Man Enabled to Attacked.

**HERALD BUREAU.**  
No. 734 FIFTH AVENUE, N. Y., August 15, Saturday.  
Possibilities of another great government scandal were opened up to-day when the Department of Justice, at the request of Secretary of the Interior Hitchcock, decided to undertake the investigation of charges of land frauds in Indian Territory.

The affair has already become so serious that it was learned late to-night that the object of Secretary Hitchcock's visit to the Department of Justice was to lay the whole matter before President Roosevelt. The President is very much exercised over the matter, it is understood here, and will order the fullest investigation.

Allegations have been repeatedly made that government officials were financially interested in various companies engaged in buying lands of the Indians. First of all the Department of Justice will report on the propriety of such officials taking part in the buying and selling of Indian lands in the manner alleged.

Meanwhile the Department of the Interior will conduct its own investigation of charges formulated by the Indian Rights Association that the Indians are not getting their dues in the land transactions. The association sent S. M. Brown to the Department of the Interior to investigate the situation. A special agent has been made to the association and sent to Secretary Hitchcock. He charges direct connection between government officials with companies which are said to be defrauding the Indians, and not only hints at but names directly important persons.

Indian Commissioner Jones in speaking on this question to-night said: "It is impossible for any government official connected with a land company dealing in Indian lands to be entirely impartial in his decisions when he is deciding questions which may affect his own welfare. It is extremely bad taste for government officials who are handling Indian affairs to associate themselves with land companies dealing with the Indians. Although they may not act dishonestly, their connection with such companies does not lose sight."

Accounts of \$500,000 INDIAN INVOLVED.  
The Indian Office should certainly make a thorough investigation of these charges and propose a report to Congress. If that report is unfavorable, the government will have to deal with the matter upon which to work. It will be expensive to prosecute charges, and the government will have to pay millions of dollars. The interests of \$500,000 Indians are also at stake.

An interesting account of Special Agent, President, Philip C. Gilman, of Philadelphia, president of the Indian Rights Association, says in a letter to Secretary Hitchcock: "I do not wish to exaggerate any of the evils in the administration of the Indian Bureau, but the enclosed letter from our Washington agent, Mr. S. M. Brown, seems to me to present grave irregularities on the part of officials appointed by the government, who have been entrusted with the administration of the Indian lands. A copy of it to you in order that, if thought proper by you, the subject may be officially investigated. I have sent a copy of this letter to Attorney General Knox."

The report deals with the manipulation of the holdings of the Indians and seeks to establish that not only are the Indians interested in obtaining control of extensive tracts of valuable land, but that companies have been organized in which government officials have a direct interest, and of which they have become officers.

According to the report, James B. Bixby, chairman of the Dawes Commission, which has charge of the allotment of Indian lands in the present trust, is also a stockholder in the Indian Trust Company, which deals in lands, and president of the Canadian Valley Trust Company, of Muskogee, which is organized for the purpose of buying and selling Indian lands. Mr. C. Cobb, former collector of Internal Revenue for the Indian Territory, is reported to have been a stockholder in the Indian Development Company, of Birmingham, Ala. It is also said to be a stockholder in the company.

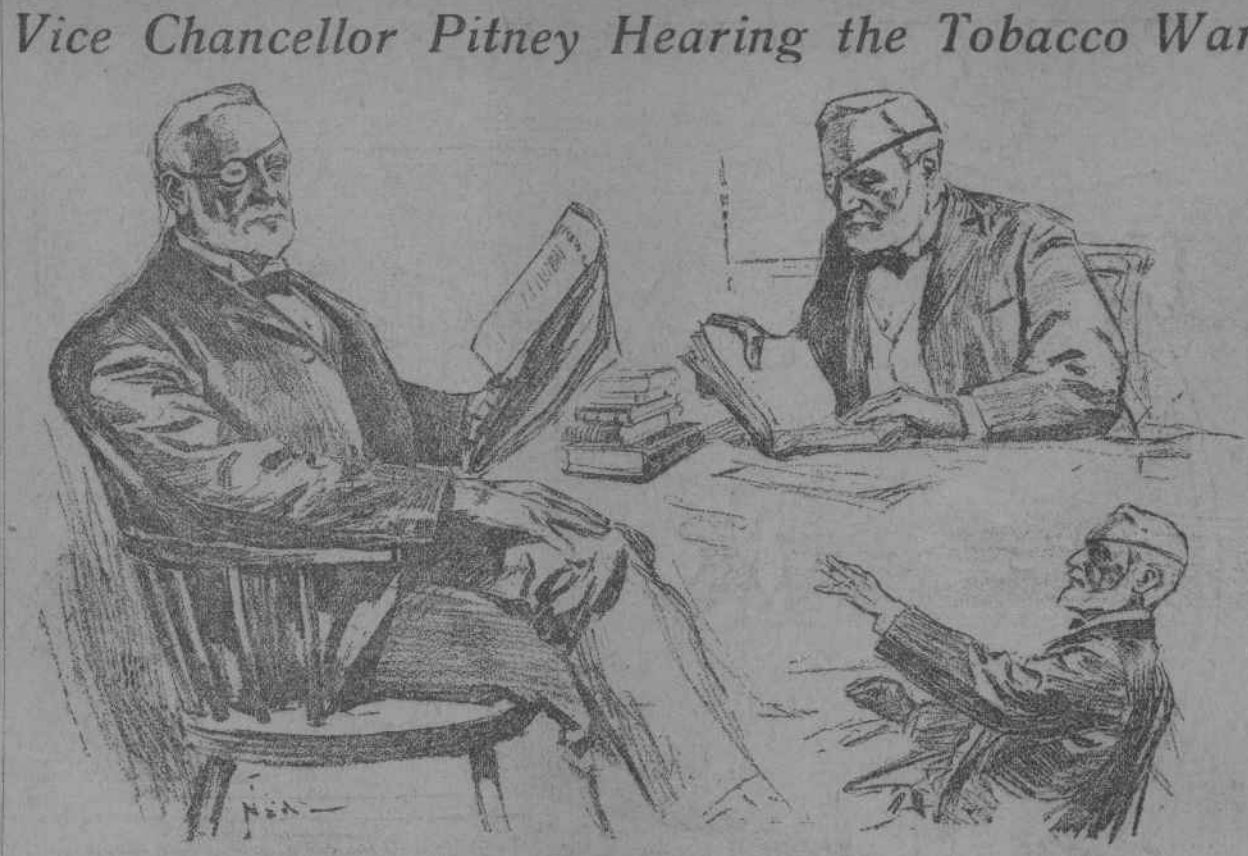
Indian Inspector George J. Wright is said to be one of the directors of the Muskogee Title and Trust Company. Thomas H. Meadows, of the Dawes Commission, is reported to be vice-president of the International Trust Company. Charles A. Davidson, clerk of the United States Court at New York, is reported to be a director of the same company, and Assistant United States Attorney James H. McDermott is also reported to be a stockholder in the company.

Mr. Meadows also made that H. Piny, son of the late Senator Piny, is a stockholder in the northern district of Indian Territory, is vice president of the Tribal Development Company. Mr. Meadows says that trust companies organized to deal in Indian lands have been organized by the government, and cover every field of the five civilized tribes. Agents or "cutters," he said, the ignorant Indians (who are induced to lease their holdings) are induced to get an allotment of land, and then the government takes the excess land of other Indians. He is then told that he cannot receive rent for the land during five years, and that he must hold out to pay for the improvements.

Mr. Meadows says that while he was in the territory one of the tribes brought in thirty-four Choctaws and Chickasaws, another one thirty-six and a third a less number, who were sold to the Tribal Trust Company at from \$20 to \$50 a head, to be used in securing control of their lands.

**FRATERS IN OIL LANDS.**  
Much the same tactics are employed by the oil and gas companies in getting leases on the lands of the Indians. The government is full of the same tactics in connection with the oil lands.

In the Bartlesville district, says the report, "there is a scramble for oil lands by the principal operating companies, which often results in gross injustice to the Indians. In a case recently reported to the Indian Office by the writer, protest was made against the approval of a lease covering the homestead rights of a mother and two minor children. The Indian agent, being ignorant of values, was induced to give up the lands that had been in possession of the family for many years, upon receiving \$300 each for the three tracts. While the person selling the same received \$300 from the oil company for his share of the profits, the mother and her children were left with nothing. The price paid for the lands was not over \$100, and the Indians are from twenty to fifty acres bought and sold and rented."



Vice Chancellor Pitney Hearing the Tobacco War

**VICE CHANCELLOR PITNEY'S ATTITUDES IN TOBACCO TRUST FIGHT**  
(CONTINUED FROM PAGE THREE.)  
"To which Wilson replied: 'Tilford is here now and he has joined in selling. Everything has been closed, the money has been paid and the stock transferred.' As a result of this testimony of Tilford and Govin, a suit has been commenced and is now pending in the courts of New York on behalf of the members of the syndicate to compel them to disgorge the profits which they made by their breach of trust in the sale of the Henry Clay-Block company to the Tobacco Trust. Mr. Peckham, who is the defendant in the suit, is now in New York, and is expected to appear in court on Friday."

**MR. PECKHAM FLAYS TILFORD AND WILSON**  
In Defending the Universal Company He Has Sharp Disputes with the Court.

Sensational features marked the resumption of the argument in Newark, N. J., yesterday, in the suit of Edwin A. McAlpin and other stockholders, for a receiver for the Universal Tobacco Company. In the course of the pleading Wheeler H. Peckham, in behalf of the defense, had several sharp disputes with Vice Chancellor Pitney.

**LOOPS THE LOOP, FORTUNE IN JEWELS HUNDREDS JOIN IN BRONX RACE RIOTS**  
Coney Island Cyclist Fractures His Skull When Wheel Swerves from His Path.  
Mrs. F. O. Matthiessen Bequeaths One Man Is Seriously Wounded in a Large Amount of Personality General Fight with Negroes.

**FIANCEE SEES THE ACCIDENT MONEY FOR OLD SERVANTS ROW STARTS IN A SALOON**  
Women Faint and Are Attended by Physicians Among the Witnesses of Accident.  
Two Thousand Dollars to Those of Two Years' Service and \$1,000 to Those of One Year.

Plunging headlong from a bicycle on which he was "looping the loop" at a Coney Island show place last night Charles M. Peters struck the plank run way, fractured his skull and caused a score of women to become hysterical.

**HURRICANE BLOWS STEAMERS ASHORE**  
Two Earthquakes Added to Damage Done by Storm in Martinique.

**WOMAN FLOGGER RESIGNS.**  
Georgia Commission Allows Prison Official to Leave Without Condemnation.

**BROOKLYN MAN WEDS**  
Second Marriage of Mr. Van Anden Recalls Romance of His First.

**DIED AFTER SIX YEARS.**  
Miss Emily Bertsch, Victim of Valley Stream Disaster, Expires as Result of Her Injuries.

**NEW NATIONAL LABOR PARTY.**  
League Is Formed to Support Only Candidates in Favor of Unions.

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Miss Nettie McLean Threatens to Ask Court to Halt Investigation of Mystery.

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**SHOOT KILPPER SLEEP 42 DAYS BEFORE ARROUSED**  
Newark's Fugitive Bank Clerk William C. Endicott Allen, of Brooklyn, Taken to Bellevue Hospital for Observation.

**PLOT FOR \$5,000 REWARD**  
Smith's Captor, Lured to the Kentucky Shore from Another State, Fails a Startling Attempt.

**PHYSICIAN IN CHARGE SILENT**  
Patient's Case Has Puzzled Experts, Who Believe His Condition Due to Mental Worry.

With the return of Edmund L. Smith, former discount clerk of the Merchants National Bank at Newark, N. J., a startling story is told of an attempt to kidnap him for the sake of a supposed reward offered for his apprehension.

Smith, who has been charged with the appropriation of between \$10,000 and \$20,000 of the bank's funds, arrived in Newark yesterday afternoon from Williamsport, Pa., where he was arrested Wednesday. He was taken to the New York Police Headquarters, and after a brief conference with Joseph Riker, president of the bank, and the County Prosecutor, Chandler W. Blyler, was locked up.

Smith announced, however, that he had nothing to say. He looks careworn, and said he would rather be back than a fugitive from justice.

Soon after the disappearance of Smith a month ago, after his discharge from the bank, Detective Sergeant Thomas, who had been sent to the home of Charles M. Riley, in West Virginia. A private detective agency of Roanoke was communicated with, and Albert H. Baldwin was sent to Williamsport, where at the Meyers Hotel he found Smith.

The prisoner expressed a willingness to return to New Jersey without a requisition, and they would have started at once for the State, but there was a wait of eighteen hours for a train.

Meanwhile a rumor had circulated, without the knowledge of Smith or Detective Baldwin, that there was a \$5,000 reward to be paid for the arrest of the Newark man. When Ernest Gusheau, a resident of Williamsport, suggested that Baldwin and he should go for a few hours fishing on the Tag River, the dividing line between West Virginia and Kentucky, they agreed and a boat was procured. Besides Gusheau, Smith and Baldwin, a brother of Gusheau was in the party.

Late in the afternoon Gusheau, who was managing the boat, pushed her nose into the bank on the Kentucky side of the river and pointed a pistol at Baldwin. At the same instant he exclaimed: "Smith is my prisoner, Baldwin. Get out of this boat. Throw up your hands and go quick, or I'll put a hole in you!"

"I never yet put my hands in the air for any one, and I'm too old to begin," replied Baldwin, who had placed his pistol in his pocket when he stepped into the boat. Then he asked Gusheau what he meant.

"Throw up your hands and get out quick," said Gusheau, who was now in the boat. "If you don't, I'll shoot you. I'm a Kentuckian, and you have no authority here. If there is any money in this thing, I'll take it. Baldwin and Smith is my man. Get out or I'll shoot!"

Smith shouted that he would go with no but Baldwin. He was then pulled out of the boat by his captor. The hammer fell, but the cartridge failed to explode. Before the sound of the shot the Kentucky man and Baldwin shoved the boat into the river and at the point of his pistol pointed at the head of Gusheau, who was back to Williamson.

A warrant was sworn out for Baldwin, who had been held at the United States Commission, who made him a deputy United States marshal, the detective was able to reach Chicago at the prison. Smith himself told the story of the encounter when he arrived in Newark.

**FEUD'S FATAL ENDING**  
Immigrant Mortally Wounded as a Result of a Vendetta in Italy.

As a result of a feud between families begun in Italy Joseph Verge is in Bellevue Hospital with his throat cut and is dying.

Verge has been in this country less than a week and was in the store of a friend, Charles Albanese, in Italy, at the Fourteenth street, yesterday afternoon, when he seized him from behind and slashed his neck with a razor.

The man's wife told the police of a feud between the Albanese and Verge families, which had been going on for many years. She said that her husband had been killed by a Verge, and that she was now in Italy, where she was being sought by the police.

**AUTOPSY FOR TERRIER**  
Pet Dog That Bit Young Woman Had Devoured Coal, Stones, Wood and Buttons.

That the pet dog, which severely bit Miss Grace Johnson, of No. 78 Bergen avenue, Jersey City, was not mad was declared yesterday by R. W. A. English, a veterinary surgeon, who performed an autopsy.

He found, however, that the animal had been in the habit of swallowing all sorts of small objects, such as the stomach contents of a dog, buttons, coal, stones and other articles.

**SENATORS REACH VALDEZ.**  
United States Party Spends Three Days at Nome and Visits Seal Islands.

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., Saturday.—A special telegram from Valdez, Alaska, announces the safe arrival there eight days behind its schedule of the United States Senatorial party. The delay is attributed to the failure of the boat from the lower Yukon to arrive at Dawson.

The trip to St. Michaels was effected by local boats and army transportation. Three days were spent studying the situation at Nome, and on August 1 the party reached Seaward. Thence it sailed for the Seal Islands, where the rookeries were visited and the seal question studied. Thence the itinerary to Dutch Harbor and along the Alaskan coast, where the party will stop at Kodiak to Valdez. The party leaves tomorrow for Sitka. It will arrive in Seattle about September 1.

Those in the party are Senators Dillingham, Nelson, Baird and Patterson.

**HE MUST PAY ALIMONY.**  
E. B. Davidson Cannot Defend Wife's Suit While in Arrest.

Edward B. Davidson, a jeweller, will have to pay his wife, Frances, \$125 that he wishes to proceed with his defence in her suit for limited divorce.

He has alleged that the trouble between them was caused wholly by her relatives. The court awarded her \$25 a week. This sum Mr. Davidson has recently failed to pay. His lawyer yesterday afternoon, after a hearing from Judge Freedman on order staying him from any proceedings for the defence until the amount due has been paid.

**PLAN EMMET CELEBRATION.**  
United Irish League Will Make Centennial Occasion for a Demonstration.

At its meeting last night the Municipal Council of the United Irish League decided to hold a large demonstration at Carnegie Hall on September 20, to celebrate the centennial of Robert Emmet's death. W. Bourke Cockran will deliver the principal oration.

It is intended to make the centennial celebration the occasion for a new development in the movement for Irish National Government. Various committees were appointed to make the necessary preparations and report at the meeting of the council to be held next Friday evening.